

## ABOUT MEPI - BUSINESS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUNG WOMEN

The program will begin on November 14, 2005 in Washington, D.C. with a three-day orientation program. Following the orientation, participants will attend a four-week academic program that includes coursework in management, finance, accounting, business strategy, marketing, organizational behavior, information technology, governance and ethics at either the Goizueta Business School at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, or the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. In early January 2006, participants will begin three-month long practical training internships at U.S. businesses and law firms, clustered in major cities across the U.S. Cultural enrichment and monitoring will be provided throughout the program. The program will fund international and domestic travel, housing and living stipends in the U.S., and health insurance.

## ELIGIBILITY TO MEPI - BUSINESS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Candidates will be considered without respect to race, color, religion, or national origin. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Competition for the U.S. Business Internship Program for

Young Middle Eastern Women is merit-based and open to anyone who:

- a) Is female and between the ages of 22 and 32 and who is a citizen, permanent resident or national, qualified to hold a valid passport issued by the country of: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq (excluding Iraqi expatriates), Israel (limited to the Israeli Arab sector), Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, West Bank/Gaza or Yemen;
- b) Is able to receive and maintain a U.S. J-1 visa;
- c) Is a recipient of 1) an undergraduate degree or the equivalent in business or law from a recognized academic institution or 2) an undergraduate degree in any field with at least three years, business experience;
- d) Has a strong academic background and proficiency in written and spoken English with a minimum Institutional TOEFL (ITP) score of 550;
- e) Demonstrates maturity, flexibility and suitability to operate successfully in an American corporate environment, leadership potential, and a commitment to professional growth in the business sector of their economies;
- f) Demonstrates a sufficient level of information technology knowledge and word processing ability to operate in a U.S. business;
- g) Can begin the program in the U.S. on November 14, 2005;

## INDIVIDUALS IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE U.S. BUSINESS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUNG MIDDLE EASTERN WOMEN:

- a) U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States.
- b) Individuals currently participating in academic, training or research programs in the United States.

- c) Individuals currently residing or working outside the participating countries.
- d) Individuals who have participated in an exchange visitor program sponsored or funded by the U.S. government for a period of more than six weeks and who have not fulfilled their J-1 visa, two- year home residency requirement by the time of application.
- e) Employees and their families of non-profit organizations who administer the U.S. Business Internship Program for Young Middle Eastern Women on behalf of the United States Department of State. This provision does not disqualify self-supporting members of families who live apart from their parents.
- f) Local employees of the U.S. missions abroad who work for the U.S. Department of State are ineligible for grants during the period of their employment and for one year following the termination of employment.
- g) Immediate families (i.e. spouses and dependent children) of U.S. Department of State employees for a period of one year following the termination of such employment. This provision does not disqualify self-supporting members of families who live apart from their parents.
- h) Persons arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a crime as detailed by ECA.